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## Public Invited to Wetland Restoration Walk at Huntley

Members of the public are invited to spend the evening walking and talking with the wetland restoration team out on Huntley Meadow Park's marsh boardwalk on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fairfax County Park Authority staff, including naturalists, and staff from Burgess and Niple, the civil engineering company hired to develop a restoration plan, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the project. This is the second in a series of informational exchanges including additional interpretive talks and a public meeting scheduled for this fall.

As Huntley Meadows central wetland area has changed over the years due to siltation from surrounding commercial and housing developments, shifting beaver activity and a transition from open water wetland to what will eventually become wet meadow, the decision was made in 2006 to engage in wetland restoration. This restoration project will include an earthen berm that acts as a dam and holds a water control structure, several wetland pools, a sediment pond and the planting of native plant species.

We encourage residents to take this opportunity to talk one-on-one with the restoration team, explore the details of the project and bring ideas and concerns to the discussion. Due to limited space participants are asked to RSVP in advance at [Kevin.munroe@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kevin.munroe@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Huntley Meadows Park is located at Harrison Lane and Lockheed Blvd. The address is 3701 Lockheed Blvd in Alexandria. Huntley Meadows Park contains 1,425 acres of diverse habitats including wetlands, meadows and mature forest. Its animal residents include fox, deer, beaver, otter and over 200 species of birds. There is a two-thirds mile boardwalk through the wetlands that leads to an observation tower.

For more information please contact Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525 or contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

***Directions:*** Huntley Meadows Park may be reached by taking Beltway Exit 177A which is Richmond Highway or Route 1 south for three and a half miles to a right on Lockheed Boulevard. The park entrance is approximately three blocks down on the left at Harrison Lane.

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